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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT SADAT

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1. STATE 138359 ARRIVED PRIOR TO MY BEING ABLE TO
TAKE ACTION ON REFTEL AND I WILL HOLD UP PENDING
FURTHER WORD.

2. WHENEVER NEW INSTRUCTIONS COME, I INVITE
ATTENTION TO CERTAIN LOGISTIC PROBLEMS. AS YOU KNOW,
FAHMY IS NOT CURRENTLY IN EGYPT AND IS NOT SCHEDULED
TO RETURN UNTIL THE EVENING OF JUNE 15. PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE, WE ARRANGED THAT I WOULD PASS ANYTHING THAT
COMES UP DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT SADAT (CAIRO 5675).
SADAT, HOWEVER, IS IN ALEXANDRIA AND I WOULD HAVE TO
SEE HIM THERE AT WHATEVER TIME HE IS ABLE TO RECEIVE
ME. WE SHOULD ALLOW AT LEAST A DAY TO MAKE THE TRIP, SEE HIM, AND
GET BACK TO CAIRO. ALL OF THE PRESIDENCY STAFF IS IN
ALEXANDRIA AND THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH A
MEETING WILL HAVE TO BE MADE THROUGH THE SECURE PHONE.
GIVEN THE UNRELIABILITY OF LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE THIS WILL
TAKE THE BETTER PART OF THE DAY ON WHICH I RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS.
THUS, A MINIMUM TWO DAY LEAD TIME SEEMS INDICATED BEFORE MY
DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON FROM CAIRO IF I AM TO SEE SADAT BEFORE
MY DEPARTURE.

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3. A TRIP BY ME TO VISIT SADAT IN ALEXANDRIA IS CERTAIN

TO BE WIDELY KNOWN AND WILL AROUSE GREAT SPECULATION. FROM
TACTICAL VIEWPOINT, UNLESS NEW, PROMISED INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZE
ME TO SAY ANYTHING SUBSTANTIVE TO SADAT, IT MAY BE
DESIRABLE TO WAIT UNTIL FAHMY RETURNS AND HANDLE
ENTIRE TRANSACTION THROUGH HIM. HE WILL BE TIRED
WHEN HE GETS BACK EVENING JUNE 15, BUT SHOULD BE
AVAILABLE FOLLOWING DAY. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SADAT WILL
HAVE ANYTHING NEW TO SAY TO US OTHER THAN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT
HOW UNHELPFUL ISRAELI LEAKS ON DURATION ARE.

4. ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS MAY BE HELPFUL TO YOU IN
DETERMINING HOW YOU WANT ME TO HANDLE UPCOMING
INSTRUCTIONS. I AM, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO DO IT IN ANY WAY
THAT YOU WISH.
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